June 21, 1977

W.R. McCormick Assistant to the General Manager Magnesium Division/NL Industries, Inc. 238 North 2200 West Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Dear Mr. McCormick:

This Division is in receipt of the Declaration of Exemption Forms (DOE) for NL Industry Magnesium Division Rowley Plant.

I would like to clarify to you the conditions under which a DOE Form may be filed and you can decide whether you should reclassify your filing as a full scale mining operation.

A Declaration of Exemption is usable when the mining operation moves less than 500 tons of material in a period of 12 consecutive months or disturbs less than two (2) acres of land in this same time period.

The Division is not familiar with the Rowley Plant and does not know exactly what your operation is. It will be inspected as time permits however.

If you have further inquiries about the exemption procedures, please contact myself or Brian Buck, Engineering Geologist, at this office.

Very truly yours,
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS, AND MINING

RONALD W. DANIELS COORDINATOR OR MINED LAND DEVELOPMENT

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